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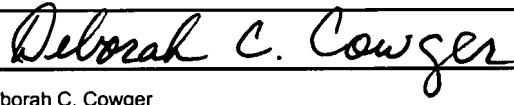
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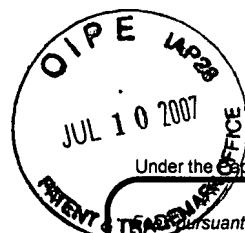
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	Fee (\$)	Small Entity	Fee (\$)	Small Entity	Fee (\$)	Small Entity	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

Fee Description

Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)

Small Entity

Fee (\$)

Fee (\$)

50 25

Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)

200 100

Multiple dependent claims

360 180

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)	Multiple Dependent Claims
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\$180.00

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In re Applicant:	§ Confirmation No.: 3844
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Serial No.: 10/807,091	§ Examiner: Hoang C. Dang
For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR RETURN OF DRILLING FLUID FROM A SEALED MARINE RISER TO A FLOATING DRILLING RIG WHILE DRILLING	§ Docket No.: 65501.0050

SEVENTH SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Applicant hereby submits the following information after a first Office Action in the Request for Continuation Examination (RCE) filed on June 27, 2006 in the above matter. Enclosed is a Seventh Supplemental Information Disclosure Citation Form PTO/SB/08A in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.98(a)(1) and (a)(2) listing additional patents, publications, applications and/or other information being submitted for consideration which may be material to the patentability of this application and/or for which there may be a duty to disclose in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.56. Copies of U.S. patents and/or U.S. patent application publications are not included in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.98(a)(2). However, we will provide copies upon request

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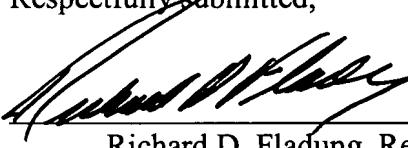
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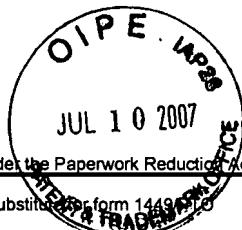
connection with the above-identified patent application, be made of record therein, and that the listed document(s) be cited in the issued patent.

Respectfully submitted,

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